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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 28 November 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 41-45 ~~is/are~~ are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 41-45 ~~is/are~~ are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

1) A request for continued examination under 37 C.F.R. 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 C.F.R. 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.114. Applicants' submission filed on 11/28/05 has been entered.

Applicants' Amendment

2) Acknowledgment is made of Applicants' amendment filed 10/26/05 in response to the final Office Action mailed 07/28/05.

Status of Claims

3) Claim 41 has been amended via the amendment filed 10/26/05.
Claims 41-45 are pending and are under examination.

Prior Citation of Title 35 Sections

4) The text of those sections of Title 35 U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office Action.

Prior Citation of References

5) The references cited or used as prior art in support of one or more rejections in the instant Office Action and not included on an attached form PTO-892 or form PTO-1449 have been previously cited and made of record.

Rejection(s) Withdrawn

6) The rejection of claim 41 and those dependent therefrom made in paragraph 18 of the Office Action mailed 07/28/05 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as containing new subject matter, is withdrawn in light of Applicants' amendments to the claim.

7) The rejection of claim 41 made in paragraph 19(b) of the Office Action mailed 07/28/05 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite, is withdrawn in light of Applicants' amendment to the claim.

8) The rejection of claim 41 made in paragraph 19(a) of the Office Action mailed 07/28/05 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite, is withdrawn in light of Applicants'

amendment to the claim.

9) The rejection of claim 41 made in paragraph 19(c) of the Office Action mailed 07/28/05 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite, is withdrawn in light of Applicants' amendment to the claim.

10) The rejection of claim 41 made in paragraph 19(d) of the Office Action mailed 07/28/05 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite, is withdrawn in light of Applicants' amendment to the claim.

11) The rejection of claim 41 made in paragraph 19(e) of the Office Action mailed 07/28/05 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite, is withdrawn in light of Applicants' amendment to the claim.

12) The rejection of claim 41 made in paragraph 19(f) of the Office Action mailed 07/28/05 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite, is withdrawn in light of Applicants' amendment to the claim.

13) The rejection of claim 41 made in paragraph 19(g) of the Office Action mailed 07/28/05 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite, is withdrawn in light of Applicants' amendment to the claim.

14) The rejection of claim 41 made in paragraph 19(h) of the Office Action mailed 07/28/05 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite, is withdrawn in light of Applicants' amendment to the claim.

15) The rejection of claim 41 made in paragraph 19(i) of the Office Action mailed 07/28/05 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite, is withdrawn in light of Applicants' amendment to the claim.

16) The rejection of claims 42-45 made in paragraph 19(j) of the Office Action mailed 07/28/05 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite, is withdrawn in light of Applicants' amendment to the base claim.

Rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. § 112, Second Paragraph

17) Claims 41-45 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite, for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regard as

the invention.

(a) Claim 41 is vague and indefinite in the limitation: 'derivatives', because it is unclear what is encompassed in this limitation. What constitutes a derivative, and how much of the original clostridial toxin's must be retained such the resultant product qualifies as a 'derivative' is not clear. The metes and bounds of the structure encompassed in the limitation 'derivatives' are indeterminate.

(b) Claim 41 is vague, indefinite and confusing in the phrase: 'said eluate may contain an amount of first ligand-clostridial toxin complex that has become detached from the first affinity column' and 'wherein said second ligand selectively binds to the first ligand, or selectively binds to the clostridial toxin'. What is recited as being contained in said eluate in part (i) of claim 41 is limited to a 'first ligand-clostridial toxin complex that has become detached from the first affinity column'. However, the second ligand of the second affinity column is not limited to one that 'selectively binds to the first ligand-clostridial toxin complex' that has become detached from the first affinity column, instead encompasses a ligand that 'selectively binds to the first ligand' and 'selectively binds to the clostridial toxin'. Part (i) of claim 41 however recites that the only element that may be contained in said eluate is an amount of 'first ligand-clostridial toxin complex', but not 'first ligand' alone or 'the clostridial toxin' alone that has become detached from the first affinity column. Claim 41 is internally inconsistent in scope.

(c) Claims 42-45, which depend directly or indirectly from claim 41, are also rejected as being indefinite because of the indefiniteness identified above in the base claim.

Remarks

18) Claims 41-45 stand rejected.

19) Papers related to this application may be submitted to Group 1600, AU 1645 by facsimile transmission. Papers should be transmitted via the PTO Fax Center which receives transmissions 24 hours a day and 7 days a week. The transmission of such papers by facsimile must conform with the notice published in the Official Gazette, 1096 OG 30, November 15, 1989. The Fax number for submission of after-final amendments is (571) 273-8300.

20) Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAG or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished

applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.Mov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAA system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free).

21) Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the Examiner should be directed to S. Devi, Ph.D., whose telephone number is (571) 272-0854. A message may be left on the Examiner's voice mail system. The Examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday from 7.15 a.m. to 4.15 p.m. except one day each bi-week, which would be disclosed on the Examiner's voice mail system.

If attempts to reach the Examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the Examiner's supervisor, Lynette Smith, can be reached on (571) 272-0864.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (571) 272-1600.

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